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For : FOOD PRODUCT TRACING SYSTEM, PROGRAM AND METHOD THEREOF

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.312
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Examiner: Allyson N. SANDERS

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2004 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the claims in the present application:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.